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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/691,426	HOUSTON, THEODORE W.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vuthe Siek	2825	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/12/03 & 3/25/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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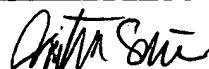
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . |



**VUTHE SIEK
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application 10/691,426 and preliminary amendment filed on 3/25/2004. Claims 14-20 remain pending in the application after cancellation of claims 1-13. The application is a division of 10/233,352 filed 8/30/2002, now patent 6,734,521. The application 10/233,352 was restricted; therefore double patenting rejection cannot be applied.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT AS TO THE REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 14-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a system for designing an integrated circuit (IC) comprising a program operable and executed on the processor to generate a plurality of cell models, each of the cell models modeling at least one transistor disposed on a logic path of said IC, the at least one transistor having a gate and a contact, the gate comprising a gate length and a centerline, the distance between the centerline of the gate and the contact modeled by the each of the cell models substantially equal for all of plurality of cell models; identifying at least one of the plurality of cell models using a predetermined criterion (referred to as performance and leakage current, see specification page 6 line 7 to page 7 line 9); and for each identified cell model, model a change of the gate length without modeling a movement of any contact.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vuthe Siek whose telephone number is (703) 305-4958. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00) 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on (703) 308-1323. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Updated Preliminary Amendment filed on 10/22/03.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuthe Siek', is positioned above the printed name.

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